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Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago;

(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Kuala Lumpur;

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(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar;

(h) The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

4. Emma Rothschild (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) has been Chairperson of the Board since 1999. The nominated members of the Board are:[2]

Sir Tony Atkinson (United Kingdom), Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford University;

Jacques Baudot (France), Coordinator, International Forum for Social Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations;

Jean-Paul Fitoussi (France), Professor of Economics, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris;

Anna Hedborg (Sweden), Director-General, National Social Insurance Board;

Amina Mama (Nigeria), Professor, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa;

Marcia Rivera (Puerto Rico, United States of America), Executive Director, Puerto Rico Senate Commission on Education, Science, and Culture, San Juan;

Gita Sen (India), Professor of Economics and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore;

Adele Smith Simmons (United States), Senior Research Associate, Center for International Studies, University of Chicago;

Jomo Kwame Sundaram (Malaysia), Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Malaya.

5. Professor Heba Handoussa (Egypt) resigned from the Board on 22 February 2002.

6. The term of office of Jacques Baudot will expire on 30 June 2003 and, although he is eligible for renomination for a further period of two years, he has indicated that he will not seek renomination.

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8. The Commission will thus be called upon at its forty-first session to nominate four new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2007. The biographical information of new candidates will be circulated as an addendum to the present note.

Notes

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

[2] Because of a resignation, there are currently nine nominated members of the Board.